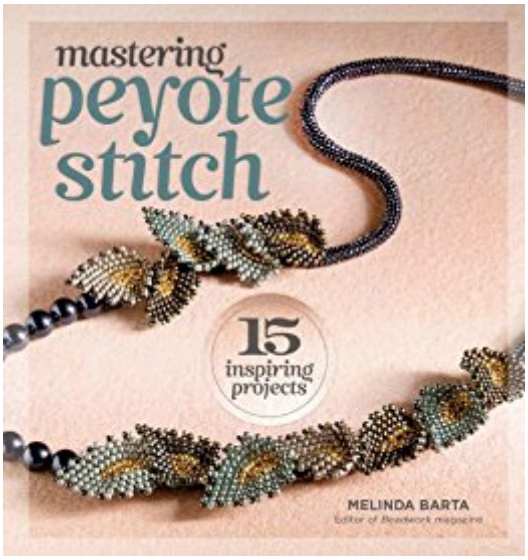
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Synopsis

With interest in beadweaving on the rise, Mastering Peyote provides a much-needed look into the most integral technique - peyote stitch. With 15 styles in all, beading geniuses will finally have an accessible, easy-to-understand guide to one of the fundamentals of beadweaving, brought to you courtesy of Beadwork Editor Melinda Barta.In the Ã¢â ¬Å“Peyote BasicsÃ¢â ¬Â• chapter, you will learn the basics of creating flat peyote bands, then advance to circular and tubular variations, eventually learning to fashion dimensional jewelry pieces. Once you've mastered the basics, Melinda dives into designing dimensional jewelry pieces. Additional chapters cover combining peyote with other popular beadweaving techniques (right-angle weave, herringbone, and bead embroidery) and creating unique edgings and embellishments for finished pieces. Melinda, together with Beadwork's Designers of the Year, including Jean Campbell, Lisa Kan, Carole Ohl, Melanie Potter, Jean Power, Cynthia Rutledge, and Sherri Serafini, demonstrates a range of styles in 15 beautiful jewelry projects.

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Customer Reviews

I love to bead and peyote is my favorite beading stitch. This book contains 15 projects and I actually like most of them.The book contains 2 projects made with flat peyote stitch, 3 projects with circular peyote stitch, and 3 projects using tubular peyote. Then there are 5 projects called "peyote stitch extras" which incorporate other techniques like freeform and sculptural and other stitches like herringbone, right angle weave and netting.The final 2 projects are categorized as "finishing touches", teaching various types of fringe, picot edging, bezels and others.The photography is in full-color and is of great quailty. The diagrams are really clear and, at a glance, you can see how the pattern progresses. No matter how well-written beading instructions are, it is alwasys easy to get confused and lose track of where you are. That is why good diagrams are so important and this book has that.The author also included a resource section in back which is nice to have.Overall, this is a great book and I would recommend it to both beginners and advanced beaders.Be sure to check out the "Look Inside" feature above so you can see for yourself the quality of the diagrams and you will also be able to see what some of the projects look like.

I have been beading for several years now and I am familiar with nearly all of the beading techniques. Personally, I would rather see patterns that are actual pictures, rather than drawings. While I admire some of the beading projects, I find the instructions in this book hard to understand and have had to look to similar instructions from other beading books to actually understand the author’s instructions. I would not recommend this book for a beginner.

The author is also the editor of Beadwork magazine which has become in the last few years much more advanced. This book is the same. It is not for beginners. The illustrations have the same defects as in the magazine as they are not clear. Each pattern has many materials and some are going to be hard to find. There are 2 projects for flat peyote but after that the projects call for more advanced techniques including herringbone, RAW, square stitch, etc. There are 6 guest contributors but most of the patterns are from Barta. Definitely look before you buy this one.

When a wonderful local bead store moved and then closed entirely, I moved on from my love of peyote beading. Kumihimo revived the interest in beading and then let me know about this book. It has to be the best and most unusual book on Peyote beading in my rather extensive library. I just can’t wait to try the next thing. My circular beaded bracelets have been getting lots of attention and directions are so good!

I haven’t done much peyote stitch and there were a few issues that I sort of muddled through by myself, however this book explains a lot of the finishing off techniques which I found particularly useful. It also has clear instructions for other variations of peyote stitch.

I was looking forward to this book and now I finally have it. The pictures are thumbnails or have an unnecessary amount of white space. It’s a beading book of instructions, with lots of words. If the pictures had been bigger it would be perfect.From that perspective it is just "ok".

good designs

The book arrived in a timely fashion and in great condition. It is filled with beautiful designs and instructions. The instructions are a little difficult to figure out, but very complete. Great book.

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